

Appl. No. 10/675,797
Am't. Dated September 8, 2006
Reply to Office Action of August 10, 2006

Attorney Docket No. 81864.0026
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 10, 2006. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein. Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interviews of August 16 and 8, 2006. Applicant summarizes the points made during that telephone interview below.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 1 was provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 over Claim 5 of copending Application No. 10/799,243. Claims 1-6 were provisionally rejected over Claims 1-6 of the same, under § 103(a), for nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 1, Applicant agrees that Claim 5 of copending Application No. 10/799,243 will be canceled, thus render that rejection moot.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-6, Applicant is submitting a Common Ownership Statement stating that the present application and the copending Application No. 10/799,243 were, at the time of invention, either owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same assignee. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1-6 are moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of that rejection are thus respectfully requested.

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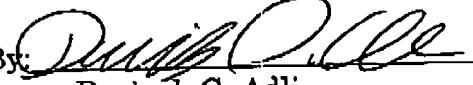
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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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